

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1450 – HB 1790

April 4, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that the pilot pre-kindergarten programs be funded at the same level as the funding for pre-kindergarten programs implemented pursuant to the “Voluntary Pre-K for Tennessee Act of 2005.”

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

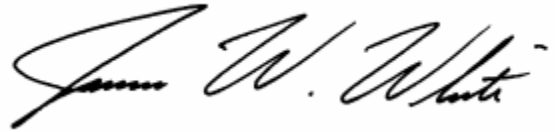
Increase State Expenditures - \$2,687,093 (Included in the Governor's FY07-08 Budget)
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$2,687,093

Assumptions:

- The Pre-K pilot programs are currently funded at \$65,000 per class.
- There are 148 pilot Pre-K classrooms.
- Funding for the new Tennessee Voluntary Pre-K programs is determined by using the BEP funding formula. The rate of funding per classroom varies depending on the state classroom share of the BEP for each county in Tennessee.
- The estimated cost per Pre-K classroom for FY08 is \$107,000 which includes the state and local share.
- Conversion of the existing 148 Pilot Pre-K classrooms to the same BEP funding formula as the 529 Tennessee Voluntary Pre-K classes would increase state expenditures by \$2,687,093.
- The cost to convert the pilot programs is included in the FY07-08 Governor's Recommended Budget. These moneys are included in the \$25,000,000 Pre-K Program improvement.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director